



# Press Release

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## **PRESS RELEASE** **January 31, 2012**

Sgt. Larry Harpster has reported that on Tuesday, January 31, 2012 at 1122 hrs., the Lake County Sheriff's Office, along with Painesville Township Rescue were dispatched to the area of Route 2 just west of the Route 2 and Route 20 (North Ridge Road) split in reference to a reported injury accident. It was reported that an elderly female had been ejected from one of the vehicles. Deputies were the first to arrive on scene and located an 89 year old female laying in the roadway with obvious physical injuries near the 226.6 mile marker.

Accident investigation showed a 2005 Honda Element was being operated westbound in the left lane by a 62 year old male Painesville Township resident. The 89 year old female, a Conneaut Resident, was driving a teal colored 1994 Chevrolet conversion van, also westbound but in the right hand lane. For unknown reasons, the female pulled into the left hand lane, and struck the Honda Element, which was pushed off the roadway and struck a guardrail end. The driver of the Honda Element was not injured. At this point, the elderly female somehow exited her vehicle while it was still moving and landed in the roadway. The Chevrolet van continued driverless for almost 900 feet until it came to rest against a guardrail. The manner in which the female exited her vehicle is still under investigation. The female was taken via Painesville Township Rescue to Tripoint Medical Center in Concord Twp., and was then flown via LifeFlight to Metro Hospital in Cleveland. The female's condition is still unknown at this time.

The names of those involved have not been released as this accident is still under investigation.

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